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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

LS 7114

BILL NUMBER: HB 1154

NOTE PREPARED: May 7, 2003

BILL AMENDED: Apr 8, 2003

SUBJECT: Reporting Sale of Methamphetamine Precursors.

FIRST AUTHOR: Rep. Hasler

FIRST SPONSOR: Sen. Clark

BILL STATUS: Enrolled

FUNDS AFFECTED: X **GENERAL**
DEDICATED
FEDERAL

IMPACT: State & Local

Summary of Legislation: This bill authorizes the State Police, with input from law enforcement agencies, to establish a retailer education program to inform retailers about illicit methamphetamine production. The bill allows retailers to report suspicious sales of methamphetamine precursors to any law enforcement agency. The bill also provides civil immunity for a retailer or retail employee who makes a good faith report of the sale of methamphetamine precursors.

Effective Date: July 1, 2003.

Explanation of State Expenditures: This bill is anticipated to have minimal fiscal impact as the bill permits, but does not require, the State Police to establish a new program. In addition, the State Police already has a methamphetamine education program and other services in place. The Department has equipment in place for a tip line and would incur an additional \$240 per year to operate one phone line for the tip line.

Background Information: The following is a listing of current methamphetamine-related expenditures by the State Police Public Information Division.

Category	FY2002 Expenditure
Methamphetamine Education Summit	\$14,000
Retail Posters	\$12,000
Neighborhood Resource Guides	\$33,000
1 st Responder Brochure	\$25,500
Syndistar Tri-fold Brochure	\$18,000
Channing Bete Booklet	\$31,200
Total Expenditure	\$133,700

Explanation of State Revenues:

Explanation of Local Expenditures: This bill allows an agency or department of any level of government whose principal function is the apprehension of criminal offenders to provide input to the State Police regarding procedures and reporting forms for methamphetamine precursors. In addition, the bill provides civil immunity to retailers or a retailer's employee, who reports suspicious purchases, thefts, or other transactions involving methamphetamine precursors to any law enforcement entity. It is unclear as to whether this would increase local enforcement actions.

Explanation of Local Revenues:

State Agencies Affected: State Police.

Local Agencies Affected: Local law enforcement agencies.

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